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Settlement Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and Sherrie E. Zuspann (licensee).

USDA, APHIS and the licensee have decided to compromise and settle the issues between them related to alleged violations of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 2131 et seq.) (AWA), and the regulations and standards promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. §§ 1.1 et seq.).

Accordingly, the parties agree to the following:

1. USDA, APHIS agrees not to file a formal administrative complaint charging the licensee with violations of the AWA and its regulations and standards for any actions disclosed by the USDA, APHIS investigation which gave rise to this agreement.

2. The licensee agrees to the following:

   A. The licensee has been given the opportunity for a hearing and waives such hearing and further procedure.

   B. The licensee neither admits nor denies the allegations of USDA, APHIS.

   C. The licensee agrees that failure to comply with any of the terms of this agreement shall automatically void paragraph 1 above, and that USDA, APHIS may thereafter institute enforcement proceedings against the licensee, and pursue any and all remedies available under the AWA.

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D. The licensee agrees not to engage in any regulated activities under the Animal Welfare Act and the Regulations issues thereunder for a period of five years.

E. The licensee's AWA licensee is suspended, and the licensee is prohibited from attempting to obtain a license under the AWA and the regulations for a period of five years from the date of this agreement.

This agreement shall become effective upon signature of the licensee.

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Sherrie E. Zuspann
(Licensee)

Date: 2/15/13

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Dr. Robert Gibbens
Regional Director, Western Region
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date: 3/15/13

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